



# California Regional Water Quality Control Board

## San Francisco Bay Region



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### Invitation to Comment on Proposed Cleanup Plan for 440 Francisco Boulevard West San Rafael, California

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#### Summary

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Francisco Bay Region (Water Board) is forwarding this fact sheet to notify the community about the proposed cleanup activities for commercial property at 440 Francisco Boulevard West in San Rafael, California. The cleanup plan consists of the excavation of soil and pumping of groundwater from the excavation.

We invite any interested parties to comment on the proposed cleanup plan. **Written comments are due to the Water Board at the above address by July 16, 2007.**

#### Background

The subject site is currently vacant, undeveloped commercial land approximately one acre in size, bordered to the northeast by Francisco Boulevard West and Highway 101, to the northwest by Rice Drive, to the southeast by a commercial property under development, and to the southwest by an auto parking facility owned by R.A.B. Motors (see Figure 1).

R.A.B. Motors, who recently acquired the subject site from Caltrans, plans to

redevelop the subject site for an automobile sales facility, which will include an approximate 3000 square foot auto show room, auto parking, and landscaping.

Subsurface environmental investigations were performed on the subject site in 1998, 1999, 2005 and 2007. Sampling has shown that there are elevated concentrations of gasoline to oil range petroleum hydrocarbons and acetone in shallow soils in the southern corner of the subject site.

Depth to groundwater ranges from about 3.5 to 4 feet below ground and was flowing southwesterly in May 2007. Groundwater in the project site vicinity is not used for drinking or any other purpose. Due to high chloride and total dissolved solids, it is unlikely to ever be used as a source of drinking water.

#### Proposed Site Cleanup

Remedial excavation will be performed in the south corner of the *subject property* to remove impacted soil. The proposed area of excavation is approximately 1,000 square feet in size, as shown in Figure 1. Soil will be excavated to a depth of approximately eight (8) feet maximum. The area will be excavated with the use of an excavator or

backhoe. The excavated soil will temporarily be stockpiled on-site, and covered by plastic sheeting. Upon completion of the excavation, confirmation soil samples will be collected and analyzed. Any groundwater that enters the excavation will be pumped into temporary storage container(s) prior to backfilling the excavation. The excavated soil and pumped groundwater will be properly disposed. The excavation will be properly backfilled.

The results of the investigation and remedial excavation activities on the subject site will be documented in a report to be submitted to the Water Board later in the summer.

### **Water Board Oversight Process**

The Water Board oversees more than 3,000 site cleanup cases in the Bay Area, including more than 2,000 leaking fuel tank cases. Water Board staff direct investigation or cleanup work and set cleanup standards under Water Code authority. Responsible parties (e.g. past operators) propose specific measures, perform the actual work, and submit technical reports documenting the results.

As part of this process, we circulate key documents, such as draft cleanup plans, to interested persons and provide an opportunity for comment on these documents. Interested persons may include other agencies, local officials, non-profit organizations, and interested landowners and residents/occupants in the site vicinity.

### **For More Information**

If you have questions please contact:

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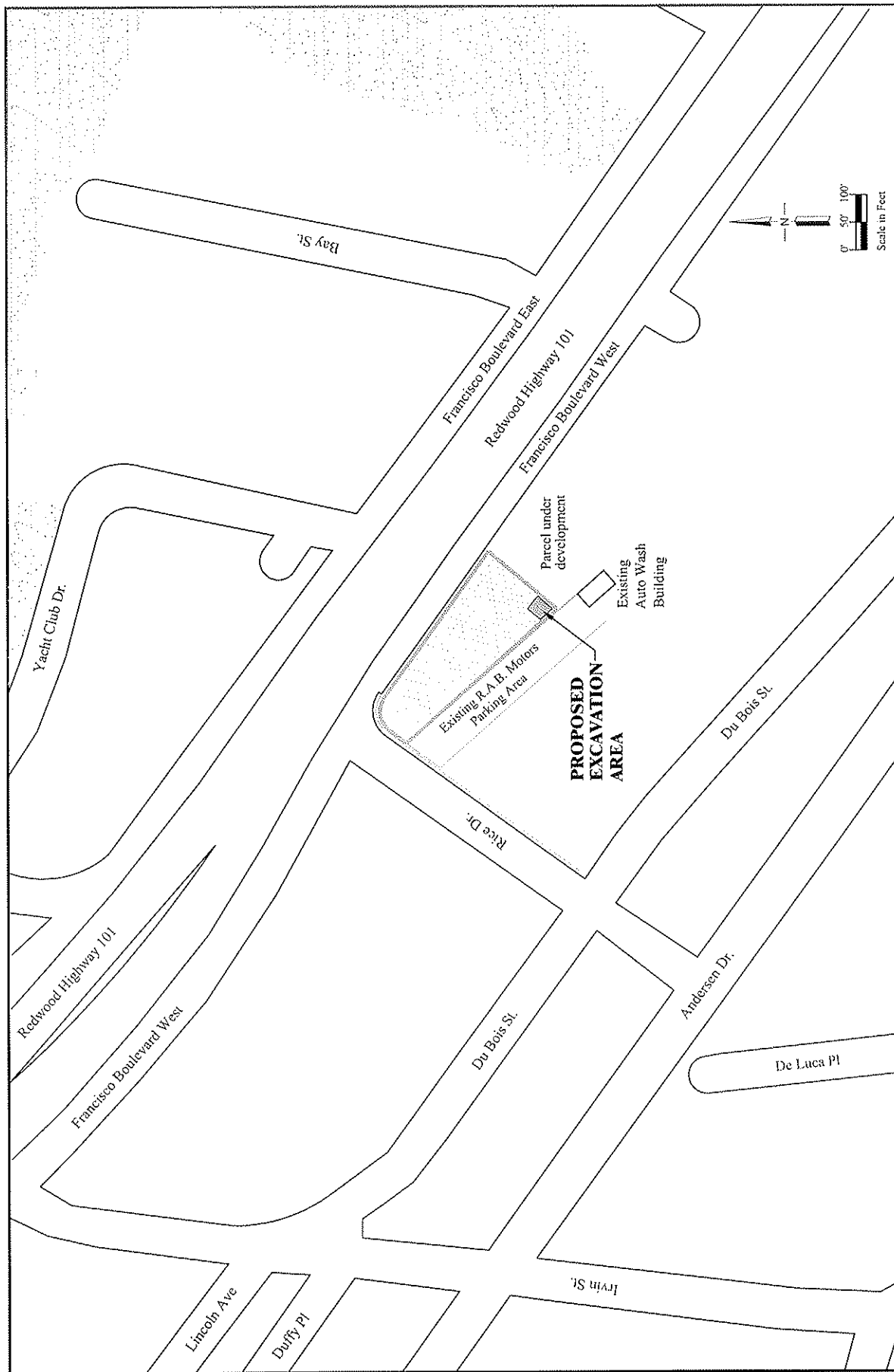
The subject site documents are available for public review at the following locations:

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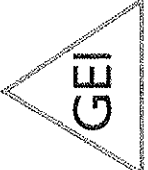
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